

Appl. No. 10/790,139
Amdt. Dated August 25, 2005
Reply to Office Action of May 21, 2005

Amendments to the Drawings:

Submitted herewith are four (4) Replacement Sheets of drawings for Figs. 3f, 3g, 4b and

6.

Figure 3f has been corrected to identify the center of the wheel by reference number 37

and to include reference number 34.

Figure 3g has been corrected to include reference number 41.

Figure 4b has been corrected to include reference number 67.

Figure 6 has been corrected to delete one of the reference numbers 107.

The four (4) Replacement Sheets include Figs. 3e and 3f, Figs 3g and 3h, Figs. 4a and 4b,
and Figs. 5c and 6.

Attachment: four (4) Replacement Sheets of drawings

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•• REMARKS/ ARGUMENTS ••

The Official Action of May 25, 2005 has been thoroughly studied. Accordingly, the changes presented herein for the application, considered together with the following remarks, are believed to be sufficient to place the application into condition for allowance.

By the present amendment the specification has been changed at page 11 to use reference number 37 to identify the central hub opening.

The specification has also been changed in the paragraph bridging pages 15 and 16 to complete the last sentence.

Also by the present amendment: Figure 3f has been corrected to identify the center of the wheel by reference number 37 and to include reference number 34; Figure 3g has been corrected to include reference number 41; Figure 4b has been corrected to include reference number 67; and Figure 6 has been corrected to delete one of the reference numbers 107.

Also by the present amendment, independent claims 1 and 9 have been changed to recite that the auxiliary adhesive pattern comprises a configuration of discrete beads of adhesive that are provided in portions of the space between the wheel cover and the wheel in which the wheel cover is not directly secured to the wheel by portions of the primary adhesive pattern.

This change to the independent claims is supported by the specification and drawings and has been made to avoid the reference to "hollow" which the Examiner found to be unclear.

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Entry of the changes to the specification, drawings and claims is respectfully requested.

On pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action the Examiner has set forth three objections to the claims

In response to these objections Figure 3f has been corrected to identify the center of the wheel by reference number 37 and to include reference number 34; Figure 3g has been corrected to include reference number 41; Figure 4b has been corrected to include reference number 67; and Figure 6 has been corrected to delete one of the reference numbers 107.

In addition, the specification has been changed at claim 11 to use reference number 37 to identify the central hub opening.

These changes to the drawings and specification are believed to address and overcome the outstanding objections to the drawings.

On page 3 of the Office Action the Examiner has objected to the disclosure on the basis that the sentence that ends on line 2 of page 16 was incomplete.

In response to this objection, the paragraph the bridges pages 15 and 16 has been amended to complete the last sentence.

On page 4 of the Office Action the Examiner objected to claims 1 and 16 and suggested that a comma (,) be inserted after the terms "assembly" and "assemblies."

These suggested changes have been adapted in the present amendment to the claims.

Claims 1-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Under this rejection the Examiner noted that the reference to "hollow" was unclear.

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In response to this rejection, claims 1 and 9 have been changed to recite that the auxiliary adhesive pattern comprises a configuration of discrete beads of adhesive that are provided in portions of the space between the wheel cover and the wheel in which the wheel cover is not directly secured to the wheel by portions of the primary adhesive pattern.

On page 4 of the Office Action the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-15 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph and that claim 16 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection(s).

It is believed that the changes made herein to the specification, drawings and claims overcome all of the outstanding objections and rejections.

Accordingly, claims 1-16 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Examiner appears to only have examined claims 1-16.

Claims 1-21 are pending in this application.

It is believed that claims 17-21 are presently in condition for allowance together with claims 1-16.

Accordingly entry of the present amendment and an early allowance of claims 1-21 are respectfully requested.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Official Action and reconsideration is requested.

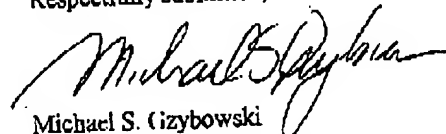
The prior art made of record by the Examiner on page 5 of the Office Action has been noted, but is not deemed to be of particular pertinence to applicant's claimed invention.

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If upon consideration of the above, the Examiner should feel that there remain outstanding issues in the present application that could be resolved, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's patent counsel at the telephone number given below to discuss such issues.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 is hereby made. Please charge the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 12-2136 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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